

## MRS. FRENCH SAILS WITH \$5,000,000

On Way to New York After  
Winning Fortune in Courts  
of England.

HUSBAND IS SATISFIED

Family of Three Engaged in  
Series of Sixteen Suits Over  
Inheritance.

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Mrs. Ida M. French, daughter of the late Robert J. Wynne, formerly United States Consul to London, will sail for America Wednesday with \$5,000,000 which the courts have just awarded her. This comes as the culmination of a long complicated romance, marriage, divorce proceedings and finally reconciliation with her husband, Capt. Hugh Ronald French. In the later stages, with no less than sixteen suits pending, the husband closely cooperated in trying to share his fortune with his wife and now heartily approves the verdict.

When he was only 14 years old Capt. French, who is a grandson of the third Lord de Freyne, became heir to the Brahmoputra Tea Company, worth millions of pounds, through his grandfather, Hugh Mair of Lochmond Castle. The fortune is in the hands of trustees. The marriage of Capt. French and Miss Wynne in 1909 was one of the social events in London, during Mr. Wynne's consulate. A daughter, Valerie, was born to them, but in 1913 trouble developed and she started action for divorce. Her daughter was made a ward in chancery. The action was dropped during the war and the couple became reconciled, whereupon they asked for the custody of their child. But chancery is still a difficult place to get out of. In view of the child's

possible financial interest her return to the parents was refused.

French then assigned half his fortune to his wife, but again the law stepped in, the trustees under the will refusing to recognize the assignment. Law suits then began which the husband supported. The settlement now provides that Mrs. French is to get the entire fortune, though the income is to be equally divided between husband and wife until after Valerie is 21, when it will be divided into thirds.

Mrs. French has not been idle while the money was thus tied up. She is well known in international business as well as social circles. She has promoted an oil company and other ventures successfully. Her latest success was the launching of a fashionable French resort at Fourville, near Dieppe. She purchased practically the entire village, with its rustic hotel and dilapidated casino, and though the repairs were barely completed when the season opened last summer the resort was thronged with the most exclusive society.

"It has been a long fight," Mrs. French told THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent, "but my husband and I are both satisfied with the settlement."

"What does your daughter think about it?" she was asked.

"She is too young to think of money, much less of millions. She is only 8, and is in the Sacred Heart Convent at Roehampton. But when she is of age she will have a comfortable income and eventually \$300,000 a year."

The Frenches have a house in Sloan square here and she has an apartment in West Fifty-seventh street, New York. Capt. French spends much time with his racing stables in Ireland.

**SWISS BEGIN VOTING  
ON LEVY ON CAPITAL**  
Bill Would Tax All Fortunes  
Over \$14,000.

GENEVA, Dec. 2 (Associated Press).—Switzerland began voting to-day on a proposal for a levy on capital. The voting will end to-morrow.

The bill would impose a levy on 33.18 per cent. on fortunes of more than \$14,000 (about \$114,000) and a heavier tax on larger estates. There has been an extensive billboard campaign and many mass meetings.

## ARMY COOKS SUPPLY BREAD AS PARIS BAKERS STRIKE

Shop Owners Close When Sou Limit Is Placed on  
Advance in Price in Government Effort to  
Reduce Living Cost.

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Paris, Dec. 2.

Paris will eat cake instead of bread to-morrow unless it is willing to sample the half pound loaves baked in the army ovens in an effort to break a strike of 800 master bakers, which began at noon to-day. The bakeries closed their doors when the Prefecture of the Seine refused to permit an increase of two sous instead of only one in the price of the two pound loaf. As a result legal action was ordered against the Master Bakers Association on complaints by the Ministries of Agriculture and the Interior, charging coalition.

Early this morning queues formed outside the bakeries in the populous quarters of the city and the stocks were exhausted before noon. Police were stationed outside the shops to prevent people carrying off flour and supplies, but the crowds apparently took the situation calmly. It was the first attempt by the authorities to force down the cost of living.

The labor unions are supporting the Prefecture, as the increase in prices would go into the pockets of the proprietors instead of the workers, thus driving higher the value of the bakeries, which since the war have jumped in some cases 200 per cent. When it was seen that the strike was inevitable, the city authorities called on the army bakers, mobilizing every soldier with knowledge of baking, and apportioned them to several cooperative bakeries in the city and suburbs. After the army's needs are supplied it is estimated that one-fourth of the city's usual bread supply can be turned out, to be distributed in half pound loaves at mairies and public schools, commencing to-morrow morning.

In the working class districts, like Belleville, troops are to be stationed, but the authorities believe there is no danger of

riots, though the public's anger against bread profiteers has been growing. The proprietors want to charge eight cents a kilogram instead of seven and one-half, and have rejected the Government's offer of a compromise. Their claim is based upon the fact that while labor is being paid five times pre-war wages flour costs nearly four times as much, taxes are almost sixfold, and the price of bread is only thrice what it was in 1914. Municipal statistics show 7,000,000 pounds of bread are consumed in the capital and the suburbs every twenty-four hours.

## LONDON PLANS BIRD MEMORIAL TO HUDSON

Naturalist Sometimes Called  
England's John Burroughs.

LONDON, Dec. 2 (Associated Press).—A fitting memorial to W. H. Hudson, British naturalist, sometimes known as England's John Burroughs, will probably be erected in the form of a statueque drinking fountain for birds. Plans were made at a meeting last week of the committee of prominent Londoners. Among those sponsoring the plan are John Galsworthy, Lord and Lady Grey, Edmund Gosse, J. C. Squire and other social and literary leaders.

Lord Grey, speaking at the committee meeting, recalled Mr. Hudson's last letter in which he said it was to the younger generation that the world must look for justice and sympathy for the birds, there being little to expect from the grownups of the present generation, as they had become incorrigible. He declared the teaching of bird lore in the school was the only hope.

Lord Grey said that instead of fol-

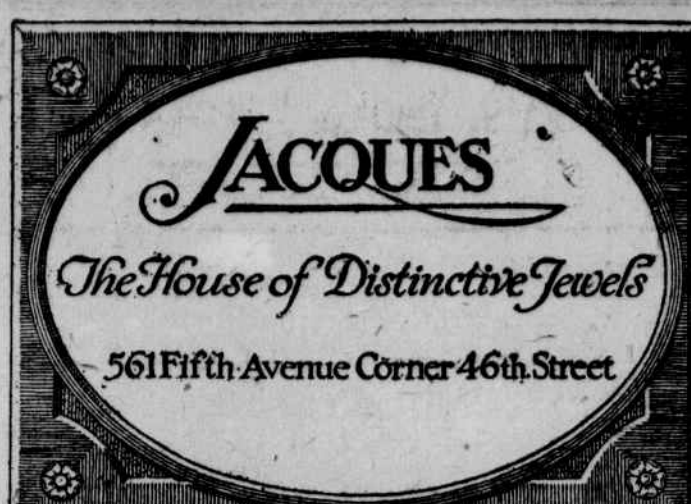
lowing the nonsensical custom of placing bird sanctuaries near rivers and creeks, where there was no need for them, the memorial to Hudson should be placed at some spot where it would be appreciated by his feathered friends. The memorial, he added, should be symbolic of the great naturalist's spirit.

## FASCISTA RAIL MEN DEFY GOVERNMENT

Object to Working in Shifts  
for Sake of Economy.

NAPLES, Dec. 2.—The Fascista railway men have objected to working in shifts as ordered by the Government with a view to economy, and have occupied some of the offices at the station, refusing obedience.

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